

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, line 34<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> with the following amended paragraph.

Referring to Fig. 6, the piston rod 160 has a predetermined diameter and length. A supporting plate 162 is formed on a lower end of the piston rod 160. The supporting plate 162 is enclosed and protected by a housing 163. ~~The thread is formed on a distal end portion of the supporting plate 162 and coupled to the piston 140~~ The thread 161 is formed on a distal end portion of the supporting plate 162 and coupled to the piston 140.